

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN TOM ZOOK**, on February 11, 1999 at 3:10 P.M., in Room 312 - 2 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Rep. Tom Zook, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Steve Vick, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Beverly Barnhart (D)  
Rep. Ernest Bergsagel (R)  
Rep. Peggy Bergsagel (R)  
Rep. Rosalie (Rosie) Buzzas (D)  
Rep. Stan Fisher (R)  
Rep. Dick Haines (R)  
Rep. Royal Johnson (R)  
Rep. Betty Lou Kasten (R)  
Rep. Matt McCann (D)  
Rep. Red Menahan (D)  
Rep. Ray Peck (D)  
Rep. Lila Taylor (R)  
Rep. Joe Tropila (D)  
Rep. John Witt (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. John Cobb (R)

**Members Absent:** Rep. Joe Quilici, Vice Chairman (D)

**Staff Present:** Joanne Gunderson, Committee Secretary  
Taryn Purdy, Legislative Fiscal Division

**Please Note:** These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed. The minutes were recorded on a Sony BI-85 machine and references are measured in inches rather than minutes.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB 79, HB 470, 2/8/1999  
HB 483, 2/5/99

HEARING ON HB 483

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. Gary Beck, HD 56, presented HB 483.

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 13 - 114}

Proponents' Testimony:

Phil Campbell, Montana Education Association (MEA), Montana Federation of Teachers (MFT).

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 114 - 185}

Opponents' Testimony:

John McEwen, Administrator, State Personnel Division ~~EXHIBIT~~ (aph34a01)

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 185 - 270}

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 270 - Side : B;  
Approx. Time Counter : 067}

Closing by Sponsor:

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 67 - 156}

HEARING ON HB 79

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. Matt Brainard, HD 62, presented HB 79 with amendments.

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 156 ~~EXHIBIT~~ (aph34a02)  
~~EXHIBIT~~ (aph34a03)}

Proponents' Testimony:

Mike O'Connor, Executive Director, Personnel Board

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 219 - 266; Comments :  
Supported with amendments}

Tom Schneider, Montana Public Employees' Association

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 266 - 292}

Glen Leavitt, Administrator, Montana University System

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 292 - 310}

Opponents' Testimony:

Tom Bilodeau, MEA, MFT

~~EXHIBIT~~ (aph34a04)  
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 310 - 450}

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

*{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 356}*

Closing by Sponsor:

*{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 356 - 410}*

HEARING ON HB 470

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. Betty Lou Kasten, HD 99, presented HB 470.

*{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 410 - 450}*

Proponents' Testimony:

Hank Hudson, Administrator Community Services Division,  
Department of Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

*{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 23; Comments :  
Particularly spoke to the amendments. This witness did not sign  
the visitors register.}*

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

*{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 23 - 155}*

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:50 P.M.

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REP. TOM ZOOK, Chairman

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JOANNE GUNDERSON, Secretary

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**EXHIBIT (aph34aad)**